



DATE: October 3, 2016

TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Keith Grellner, Chair

SUBJECT: RULES HEARING - CHAPTER 246-290 WAC, GROUP A PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

Background and Summary:

RCW 43.20.050(2) authorizes the State Board of Health (Board) to adopt rules regulating drinking water systems. On February 25, 2014 the Board filed a CR-101 Preproposal Statement of Inquiry to initiate rulemaking to update portions of Chapter 246-290 WAC, Group A Public Water Supplies. The stated purpose of the rule making is to:

1. Adopt the federal Revised Total Coliform Rule as required for the department to maintain primacy regarding the enforcement of the Safe Drinking Water Act in Washington.
2. Amend water system planning requirements to provide greater flexibility.
3. Add a new section establishing requirements for emergency water sources and supplies.
4. Amend disinfection requirements to strengthen public health protections.
5. Provide streamlined regulations, improve clarity and consistency, improve public health protections, and reduce costs to stakeholders.

On August 23, 2016 the Department of Health filed a CR-102, Proposed Rule Making form, with the office of the code reviser publishing the proposed rule language for public comment.

Today's public hearing will begin with a presentation by Mr. Mike Means from the Office of Drinking Water at the Department. Mr. Means will briefly review the rule changes; the public comments received; and the recommended changes to the proposed rule language. Mr. Means, with assistance from Linda Kildahl, Scott Torpie, and Bob James, will also answer questions from the Board.

Recommended Board Action:

The Board may wish to consider the following motion:

The Board adopts the proposed revisions to Chapter 246-290 WAC, Group A public water supplies with amendments as stated in Board material's document "Group A Public Water Supplies – Chapter 246-290 WAC, WSR 16-17-139, Department of Health Recommendations, Amendments to Proposed Rule Language" (Tab 09g).

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